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CONTRO BLACK-TO-COLOR BLEED

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Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Dear Sir/Madam:

With respect to the "statement of reasons for allowance" on page 5 of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant notes for the record that such a statement "is not intended to necessarily state all the reasons for allowance or all the details why claims are allowed." MPEP §1302.14. In addition, the inventions claimed in the present application respectively comprise various elements/limitations in combination. Applicant respectfully submits that the patentability of each invention derives from the claimed combination of elements/limitations defining that invention, viewed as a whole, rather than from the presence of any particular element(s)/limitation(s) in the combination. While applicant agrees with Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicant submits that the above identified claims are allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate, or render obvious the invention as claimed independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

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